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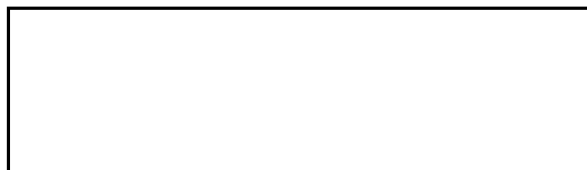
13 July 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

VIA : DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : Suggested Letter to Commandant USMC

Attached is a suggested letter from the Director to the Commandant U.S. Marine Corps in connection with Marine Corps support to PBSUCCESS.



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23 July 1954

General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.
Commandant U.S. Marine Corps
Marine Corps Headquarters
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Shepherd:

For the past six months a special unit of CIA personnel located on the Marine Corps [redacted] have been engaged in matters of highest importance and delicacy to this Government. As you may know, these people are now being withdrawn from [redacted]

During this period extensive support was given to the CIA unit including basing facilities, couriers, aircraft and air crews, labor, maintenance, guards, quarters, transportation and all manner of usual and unusual services. As it happened, this assistance was required on a priority basis and throughout stringent security requirements had to be maintained. These things were accomplished by the Marines in their traditionally efficient manner.

I am pleased to report to you that my people have advised me that "never once was a request questioned and the spirit and speed of implementation were of the highest order." I know that this reflects standard Marine Corps performance, however, I want you to know that our people will carry with them inspiring memories from this brief association.

Our people, in citing to me the significant contribution made by your headquarters and the [redacted] to our endeavors, have

[redacted] I hope that you will feel it appropriate to make this a matter of secret record.

On behalf of all the personnel of this Agency who were associated with the CIA unit at [redacted], I express the hope that the Marine Corps and the CIA will find themselves in frequent association in the vanguard of the national defense.

Sincerely,

SIGNED
Allen W. Dulles
Director

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(delivered directly to Mr. [redacted])

Marine
by Mr. [redacted]

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To Mr. Sullivan
I strongly recommend that you sign the attached letter - or something like it. The Marine, as you know, did a wonderful job for us, and we should thank them appropriately. Also it could do no harm to us to give up a little good will as a future reserve to draw against.

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